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Dear Doctor:

The American College of Preventive Medicine has a continuing interest in the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS) and is an endorsing organization. I am writing to ask your participation in the current NAMCS study.

The National Center for Health Statistics has invested many years in developing this mechanism for collecting national data on office-based ambulatory practice. There is considerable interest in gaining the information produced - new, basic information which can be an original valuable base for planning and organizing health services, assessing health facility and manpower requirements, determining modifications in medical educational programs, and providing increased knowledge reflecting the history and epidemiology of disease in the ambulatory setting.

Our College has been involved in finalizing the NAMCS forms and procedures. I believe you will find the design minimizes record-keeping and facilitates data collecting. Strict confidentiality is to be maintained, with only summary data to be made available to the medical profession, health planners, researchers and the public.

I am confident that the information derived will be well worth the effort by participating physicians like yourself.

Sincerely,



George K. Anderson, MD
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